WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD

Bryant Road, 2 miles from Cummington

Poet, editor, and critic William Cullen Bryant lived in this rambling frame house until early manhood and made it his summer residence in the latter years of his life. It was here, at age seventeen, that he wrote the first version of his best-known poem, "Thanatopsis." The homestead, a late-18th-century farmhouse with Victorian additions and accretions, is open to the public during summer months.